



Day Hiking

Finger Lakes National Forest



Gorge Trail

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Trail Facts:

Length: 1.25 miles one way	Feature: Gorge, Pond, Stream
Max. Elevation Change: 280 feet	USGS maps: Finger Lakes National Forest Quad
Amount of use: Moderate	Hiking level: Moderate
Average hike time: 1 - 1 ½ hour round trip	Use restrictions: Limited horses, no mountain bikes, or motorized vehicles

Trail Description:

The Gorge Trail traverses through Hemlock and hardwood forests, following the gorge between Burnt Hill Road and Mark Smith Road. It is located on the southern portion of the Forest and is accessed from the Burnt Hill Road/Gorge Pond parking area or a parking area on Mark Smith Road, about ¾ miles north of State Highway 79. This trail intersects the Interloken Trail. Gorge Pond is located just east of the Gorge Trail trailhead on Burnt Hill Road. Please practice Leave No Trace ethics, such as carry out what you carry in.

Caution: The Gorge Trail may not be suitable for cross-country skiing. There are sharp downhill pitches and limited room to maneuver.

Directions:

From the South, take State Route 14 North (Exit 52 off State Route 17) to Watkins Glen, NY. In Watkins Glen, turn right at the Fourth St intersection onto State Route 414 North. Go approximately 9 miles north, past the Hector Ranger Station of the Finger Lakes National Forest. 0.5 miles past the Ranger Station, turn right on Schuyler County Route 2. Go 3.5 miles east to Burnt Hill Road. Turn right and follow Burnt Hill Road south 2.5 miles until you reach the Gorge Pond parking area on the east side of the road. (This road is a seasonal use road and is not plowed in the winter).

From the North, take State Route 414 South to Hector, NY (Exit 41 off I-90). In Hector, 0.5 miles past the Dandy Mini Mart, turn left onto Schuyler County Route 2. Go 3.5 miles east to Burnt Hill Road. Turn right and follow Burnt Hill Road south 2.5 miles until you reach the Gorge Pond parking area on the east side of the road. (This road is a seasonal use road and is not plowed in the winter).



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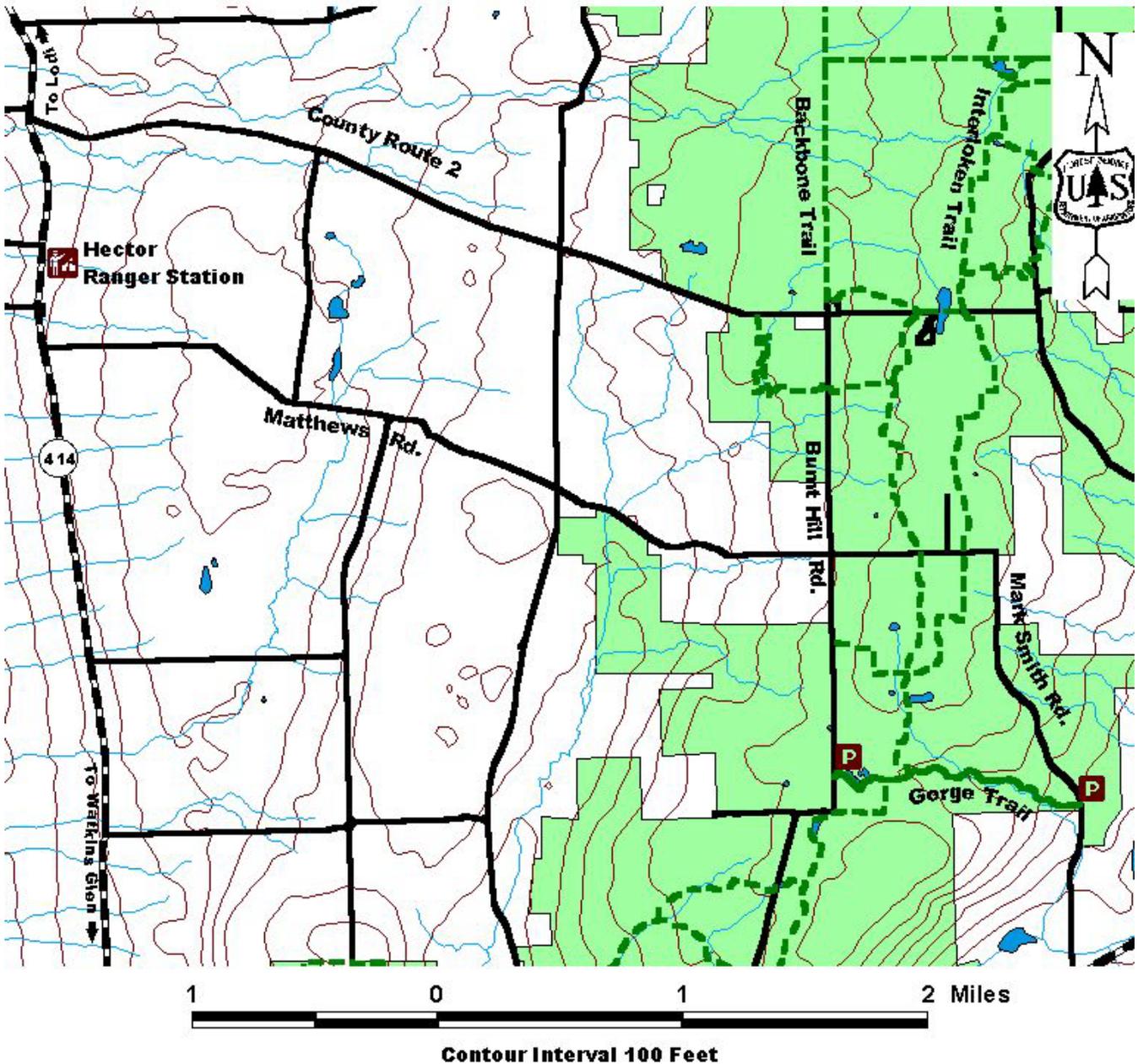
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Police: (607) 535-6642 or 911	Fire: (607) 535-6642 or 911	Rescue: (607) 535-6642 or 911

Map:



For More Information:

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